



(formerly the
Community
Memorial Museum
of Sutter County)

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A brief history...

Norma and Howard Harter in front of the Museum shortly before opening



Façade prior to 2019 renovations



2019 Renovations

What we did:

- New monument sign
- Buttes images on front windows
- Reorganized the gift shop
- New front counter
- New flooring and baseboards throughout
- Painting in gift shop and 3 galleries
- Cleared clutter out of exhibits
- Reorganized office area
- High-density mobile shelving in collections storage areas, and total reorganization to include flat file storage, framed item storage, space for oversized items, space for exhibit furniture
- Replaced temporary wall system
- HVAC system in storage building














VIP Grand Re-Opening Party
June 14th

Join us for our
Grand Re-Opening

A decorative banner consisting of a string of colorful paper flags in yellow, green, pink, and blue, each featuring a white floral pattern and a scalloped edge. The banner is strung across the top of the image against a blue background.

Saturday, June 15th
10am-2pm

We're throwing a party to celebrate our revitalized building and a couple new exhibits. Food trucks, live music, kids activities and more!

Three large, colorful circular paper fans (papel picado) are hanging from the top right. They feature intricate, multi-layered floral patterns in various colors including yellow, green, pink, and blue. The fans are arranged in a descending diagonal line.





Organization

- Department of Sutter County
 - Salaries & benefits for 2 FTE
 - Utilities
 - Building Maintenance
 - Basic business expenses
- Museum Association
 - Temporary Exhibits
 - Replacing permanent exhibits
 - Education programs
 - Gift Shop
 - Marketing
 - Artisan Community Garden



Permanent Exhibits

- Sutter Buttes
- Nisenan



Permanent Exhibits

- John Sutter
- History of Agriculture



Permanent Exhibits

- Multi-Cultural Gallery
- Early days in Yuba-Sutter

Temporary Exhibits



- Local or regional connection
- Variety of topics
- Contemporary connections

Artisan
Community
Garden at the
Museum



Special installation by Mona Bahraini of
The Prickly Pear, Sacramento





In the Fields of the
North/
en los campos del
norte

Current temporary exhibit, on display
through March 1

Education Programs

Children's Programs

Night at the Museum

Annual Holiday Open House

Spring Break Programs

Adult Programs

Lectures

Gallery Talks

New Book Presentations

Artisan Community Garden





Revitalization

The Sutter County Museum shares local stories to strengthen community bonds, to inspire celebration of our diverse cultural heritage, and to demonstrate how understanding the past prepares us for the future.

Institutional Assessments: Museum Assessment Program



Collections Assessment for Preservation

Strategic Planning



Strategic Plan:

1. Develop a comprehensive development plan to identify and initiate ongoing fundraising operations.
2. Continue to build staff to meet growing institutional needs.
3. Initiate a plan for ongoing improvements to the Museum's facilities.
4. Review all exhibits, assessing relevance, redesign opportunities, and audience appeal.
5. Increase marketing and visibility through a comprehensive approach.



Visitation

Total visitation- FY 16/17: 7461 FY 17/18: 8793 FY 18/19: 8076

Percentage of visitors who are from Yuba City

FY 17/18: 77.30%

FY 18/19: 83.02%

FY 19/20 (partial): 78.36%

Since re-opening, visitation has been up: over 1,000 visitors each month in July, August, and September 2019

Partnerships

- Yuba Sutter Arts
- Sutter County Children & Families Commission
- Sutter County Superintendent of Schools
- Sutter County Library
- Middle Mountain Interpretive Hikes



Gift Shop

Books, books, books!

Local, regional and state
history

Subjects related to exhibits
in the museum

Children's books, focus on
multi-cultural

'Made in California'

'Made on the West Coast'





- In July 2019, Museum staff took over management of Ettl Hall, the rental facility behind the Museum

Current Projects

- Membership Program revamp
 - Previously 6 levels, most under \$100, all received the same benefits
 - New, 6 levels \$35-\$1,000, stacking benefits
- Possible Artisan Community Garden expansion in 2021
- And a few other really exciting projects that we aren't quite ready to share yet....

Current vs. Proposed Flood Coping with Disaster



The Flow of History

Floods in Sutter County

To live in the Sutter County area is to live with the threat of flood. From the time of Native Indian villages to the present settlements of mining, logging and farming, living in close proximity to the river - the Sacramento, Feather and Bear - has always meant coping with the hazardous flood waters that occur here.

Yuba City began on the site of the Yuba Indian village, located on high ground near the Feather River. From being a natural levee formed by its deposits during earlier overflows, it was protected on the north by a natural barrier, now known as Colusa Slough, through which access water managed when the river was in flood. This slough was eventually widened to the present extent of the land and discharge into the extensive lake basin which surrounded the settlements of the Feather and Sacramento Rivers in southern Sutter County.

Some settlements occurred at varying stages in the valley floor system. A large one ran through the head of what is now Marysville. All that remains of it now is City Lake and the long area east of the railroad.

Featuring a part of the natural history of the area, but after 1800, floods became more of a problem. As the population of the county grew and pushed out onto the flood plain, the potential for damage increased. At the same time, hydraulic mining in the foothills resulted in large quantities of debris clogging river channels, raising channels and raising the level of the river beds.

Some measures were taken to reduce the problem, in 1811 a state flood control project was adopted to straighten levees, and a federal project called for the building of levees to open and close. During this time, water-control districts were created to own flood basins and agricultural use. One such district was the Sutter Wash Project which drained the Sutter area.

The demand for land in the 1830s, due to migration to California during the Department and again in the 1850s with the gold-rush explosion, caused migration and industrial developments to move into the flood-prone areas surrounding Yuba City.

As the demand for land continued, so did the struggle. Sutter County residents recognized that they stood with the affliction of living on a flood plain.

Chronology of Local Floods

- 1807** - According to historical early settlers' records of the first major flooding, there was a great flood about 1807. It inundated the entire valley. Flood levees were not and many other things were destroyed.
- 1830-31** - A flooding party was contracted to work in the Sutter Buttes due to high water. The Buttes were reported to be 100 feet high, and several smaller peaks had had similar high water.
- 1834-35** - During the winter, most of the quarters were abandoned for the winter season. The one located at Yuba City was abandoned in 1834 and continued through 1835. The next winter was high and the quarters became abandoned all over the county. Construction began the same with the Sutter Buttes and several others but not completed by the next winter.
- 1836** - The first great flood occurred in 1836. It is estimated that the water was 100 feet high in the Sutter Buttes and 100 feet high in the Sutter Buttes. The water was 100 feet high in the Sutter Buttes and 100 feet high in the Sutter Buttes.
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